the approaches to this country by land, by sea and in the air, and say with Britain's Prime Minister.—

"They know that they have behind them a people who will not flinch or weary of the struggle, hard and protracted though it will be; but that we shall rather draw the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival, and of a victory won not only for ourselves but for all; a victory won not only for our own times but for the long and better days that are to come".

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

R. V. C. A. HOSPITAL—HEAD CLERK—APPOINTMENT OF

1. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the name, qualifications and period of service of the present incumbent of the post of the Head clerk of the Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur;

(*b*) the post, he was holding previous to his appointment to the present post and the pay he was drawing then;

(*c*) the names of graduate clerks now serving in the department of Ayurveda with their qualifications, grade of pay, date of first recruitment to Government service and period of service;

(*d*) whether applications were called for before filling in the vacancy of the post of Head clerk;

(*e*) whether Government have received applications from clerks or officers serving in other departments for the post of the Head clerk of the R. V. C. A. Hospital;

(*f*) if answer to (*e*) is in the affirmative, the names, qualification, grade of pay, and period of service of those applicants;

(*g*) how were the applications referred to in (*e*) disposed of;

(*h*) with whom is the power of appointment to the post referred to (*i*) vested as per Standing Orders; (*ii*) whether the Staff Selection Board was called upon to fill in the post referred to in (*a*);

(*i*) if answer to (*h*) is in the negative, why?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) M. M. Krishna Menon, B. A., Civil Account and Revenue tests, and typewriting lower, 4 years, 10 months and 21 days till 1st Chingam 1117.

(*b*) He was the senior clerk on Rs. 25—40 in the R. V. C. A. Hospital till 1st Chingam 1116. From 1st Chingam 1116 he became the Head clerk on a pay of Rs. 40. His grade was revised to Rs. 40—60 from 1st Chingam 1117.

(*c*) N. Sankunny Menon, B. A., and Civil Account test, Rs. 25—40, 15th Thulam 1110; 6 years 5 months and 18 days till 1st Chingam 1117.

(*d*) No. There was no vacancy of the Head clerk's post. Only a revision of pay of the Head clerk was ordered.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Vide list placed on the Council Table. *(Appendix II).*

(*g*) The applications were recorded.

(*h*) (*i*) Diwan.

(*ii*) No.

(*i*) Because there was no vacancy.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to inform the House whether the list referred to in sub-division (*f*) is a long one?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is a pretty long one.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* How many pages, please?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* About one page.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* In view of the practice that was obtaining here before, will the Hon'ble Member kindly consider the point whether he can get it printed in the body of the answer itself?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is only because of paper shortage on account of the war that it was not embodied in the answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* For efficiency this cannot be considered to be any kind of saving.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As far as possible I will follow the suggestion, though in this particular

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case the question does not arise. It is not a question of selection at all. Then only the names of all those people will become important. There was no selection at all. The person who was holding the post was given a higher grade. That was the reason why it was not published.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Thank you very much. I was on a privilege of the House. I was not on the merits of the question.

2. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the name of M. M. Krishna Menon is put among the permanent incumbents of the Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital as Head clerk on Rs. 40—60 grade in the Civil List corrected up to 1st Chingam 1117 (p. 112);

(*b*) when was he appointed to that grade and post and by whom;

(*c*) whether his appointment has been notified in the Gazette; if so, when;

(*d*) whether there is any office of a Head of the Department, where appointment of the Chief Ministerial Officer is vested with the Head of the Department himself?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) He was appointed to that grade on 1st Chingam 1117. He was appointed to that post on 1st Chingam 1116. The appointment was made by the Diwan.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government had given permission to place him on a higher salary before 1st Chingam 1117?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is the reason for not publishing the appointment of the Chief Ministerial Officer of the office of a Head of Department in the Gazette?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He was already there. As I said, only a revision of pa y was effected.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* When a P3 teacher is promoted to P2 grade the Hon'ble Member for Education publishes those insignificant details in the Gazette. I ask what was the reason for not publishing this promotion in the Gazette.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was not a promotion exactly. It was a revision of pay and that was the reason why it was not published. There was no other motive.

RAMA VARMA CENTRAL AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL—LIST OF EMPLOYEES

3. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of employees of (Budget head 23—Establishment) H. H. Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur, in 1116;

(*b*) what is their number in 1117;

(*c*) the posts thus newly created for 1117 and the present incumbents, permanent and acting, with the community to which each belongs?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 32 permanent—6 Temporary Establishment.

(*b*) 36 permanent—6, temporary.

(*c*) (1) Office attender— I. Bhaskara Menon (Probationary) Nayar.
(2) Attender to Manufacturing section—K. S. Balakrishnan—(Probationary) Ezhuva:
(3) Two peons—K. Krishnan (Permanent) Ezhuva and M. C. John (Probationary) Roman Catholic.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* With regard to sub-division (*c*) will the Hon'ble Minister inform the House whether there was any Muslim applicant?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice. But, certainly there was no one in the office at the time.

DIWAN'S VISIT TO MADRAS

4. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state the object of the recent visit of the Diwan to Madras; will a brief statement of the business he actually transacted there be placed on the table?

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